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## Stop the wrecking ball

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by Frank Flypaper

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Thursday night, as we were sitting in the Alley, a woman came rushing in with a bunch of papers under her arms. She was trying to incite the motley collection of book-reading, cigarette-smoking, coffee-drinking Alley patrons to brave the cold and join a demonstration of CÉGEP students.

The demonstrators were out to support their peers, a group of CÉGEP students who have been occupying the offices of the Provincial Treasury Board since Monday to protest proposed university tuition hikes.

But it was like trying to light a campfire with wet wood. As we donned our coats, the disinterested Alley patrons lit another cigarette and continued talking about the next revolution.

Meanwhile on McGill College Avenue, a group of about 30 students from CÉGEP Vieux Montréal — which has been on strike for two weeks — yelled solidarity slogans and rubbed their hands together to keep warm. Many had spent the previous night keeping vigil on the street outside the Treasury office and smuggling food up to the occupiers. The students were protesting Québec Education Minister Pauline Marois' possible 30% university tuition increase, and the fact that she refuses to talk to students about this plan.

The discrepancy between the apathetic McGill scene and the passionate dedication of the CÉGEP students was too glaring to ignore.

What exactly is the problem here? Could it be that McGill students have become numb from the constant onslaught of jargon such as 'deficit cutting', 'slashing social programmes', 'cuts to education' and so on? Have these words been so overused by social activists and the media, including the *Daily*, that they have lost their meaning? Perhaps it is time to think again about what exactly these words mean. The way all levels of government

are using the concept of 'deficit cutting' will affect the shape of tomorrow.

And although the last time we checked, Canada was still a democracy, our leaders are unilaterally determining priorities — ones which don't include accessible education, universal healthcare or a social safety net for the unemployed, seniors or the poor.

Politicians feed us lines like "Canada needs to be competitive" and "we have to operate in a global economy" and conclude that we need to "tighten our belts" for the good of our country.

The new priorities being set by the Canadian government mean that Deputy PM and Minister for Canadian Heritage Sheila Copps is given millions of dollars to send out free Canadian flags to promote national pride, because "when the government has a priority, it can always find the money."

Yet since the federal Liberal government has been in power, Canadians have been told that healthcare as we have known it is too expensive for government coffers.

In Québec, we are expected to put up with the nearest hospital being shut down, CLSCs not being open on weekends and essential services being limited to one place in the entire city.

The new agenda of both the federal and provincial governments means that a single mother has to struggle to raise her child with increasingly less support. There is no subsidized daycare, she receives less pay for her office job than the man at the next desk who is doing the exact same work, and if she loses her job and has to go on welfare she will find that cheque to be worth less and less.

If such a woman loses her job in Québec, as the newest "leach on society" she is obliged to enroll in a job training programme in an unrelated field. And if the programme is full, she still faces a

penalty cut to her welfare cheque — because it's her fault.

But maybe this example is out of the sphere of the cloistered Ivory Tower let's bring it back to education — that grand ideal which keeps students so absorbed in their books and reluctant to leave the library and take action.

You might be able to swallow the tuition fee hikes being handed down to us now, because hey, you are willing to pay for high quality education. But stop and think for a second.

With fewer TAs, professors, books and programmes like African Studies and Religious Studies, are you really getting better quality for higher costs?

If the government is allowed to set the accessible education wrecking ball in motion, do you really think you will be able to stop it in mid-swing?

So on January 1, McGill students may willingly pay the 7% tuition increase, but when in the next four years this rises to 30% more, how many of you will have to sacrifice that last year of your degree?

CÉGEP students have realised what we have not — that it is more effective to stop tuition hikes before they are implemented. Maybe this is because they are the next generation of students who will be struggling under the burden of increasingly high tuition costs.

But don't you think that like our parents' parents before us, who fought to establish accessible education in the first place, that we too should be fighting to maintain this accessibility?

So get up off your comfortable Alley chairs, or your uncomfortable seat in Leacock today at 12h30 and vote to join the movement that has been building steadily around you.

- Anup Grewal and Andrea Mason

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# One-day strike for Nov. 20?

## McGill's entire student body has chance to vote today

by Zachary Schwartz

Step aside, elected representatives — the students are coming.

This afternoon at 12h30 in the Shatner Ballroom, every McGill undergraduate will have the chance to take direct action against cuts to education.

"It's not about tuition fees — it's about the cuts that universities are getting, cuts that affect every student in the same way. Rich and poor students are affected equally," says SSMU's VP Internal Mark Feldman.

Feldman, along with seven other councilors and executives of the undergraduate Student's Society of McGill University (SSMU), wants students to decide for themselves how to join the move-

ment sweeping across Québec.

Across Montréal, student unions at Concordia, Université de Montréal, Université du Québec à Montréal and McGill's own Post Graduate Students' Society are holding similar general assemblies.

The four Montreal universities are trying to organise a one-day city-wide strike on November 20.

"For us, it's a gesture of solidarity," says SSMU VP External Chantal DaSilva, explaining that this is McGill's chance to join its "confreres" from the CEGEPs. Students from 25 CEGEPs and departments are currently on strike, demanding a stop to education cuts, a maintenance of the tuition freeze and the banning of new ad-



ministration fees.

Not since 1990, when students left their classes to protest the lifting of the tuition fee freeze, has Québec seen such widespread CEGEP and university strikes.

Since then, tuition fees have increased by 65%, from \$19 per credit to over \$55 per credit.

DaSilva agrees that tuition fee increases are only a small part of the issue at today's

general assembly.

She says that today's crisis began last year with the federal government's imposition of the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST) — a form of federal transfer payments that each province uses to fund education, health care, and social assistance.

According to Federal Finance

Minister Paul Martin's budget last year, the CHST will shrink by seven billion dollars in the next two years alone, and will be eliminated by the year 2010.

"The federal government has passed the buck to the provinces," says DaSilva, "and now the provinces are scrambling."

But it appears that the universities are the ones caught scrambling — at the expense

of students. Across Canada, the federal and provincial governments' lack of commitment to education has forced universities to cut administration, offer early retirement to faculty and increase students' tuition fees.

McGill's administration is attacking the problem from all three fronts, and according to VP Finance Phyllis Heaphy, McGill is also planning to charge students new administration fees.

"There is no magic to this: if you spend more per student, you get more," said Heaphy in a recent meeting with SSMU council. "You got more and better professors, better libraries, more computers and smaller classes."

But according to Carl Kouri of Concordia's Student Union, asking students to pay more for education is not the answer.

"Since 1990, when tuition fees went up, has the quality of education increased?" asks Kouri.

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## Letter

To the Daily,

I have a problem stomaching the comment entitled "Who's afraid of queer erotica?" (Nov. 14). Ms. Cohen and Mr. Narron have made this judgment based on the fact that I feel that the poster issue to publicise the queer issue of the Daily was inappropriate. My

problem is not with the photograph of two women in a sexual "embrace" but with the fact that it was chosen as an advertisement for the issue. I feel that a picture like that just reinforces the stereotype of queers as sexual obsessives and might deter straight readers. The queer issue is a valuable one because it gives queer students a chance to express

themselves, present their point of view and it lets those who are still closeted know that they aren't alone. It also has the potential to reach straight students that might not otherwise be exposed to queer issues. To alienate those students by presenting the issue as one dedicated to gay sex is a mistake. A section inside dedicated to erotic literature,

art and photography should definitely be included, but, the cover of the issue and the advertising is not the appropriate place for that type of material. This is my opinion and it is neither "heterosexist" nor "homophobic".

Chris Wright  
U3 Music

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### Monday, Nov. 18

• Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom (4100 Sherbrooke St. W, enter Elm Ave.) presents Dr. Benjamin Freedman speaking on "The fifth commandment: Jewish sources and family decision-making for incompetent patients," 19h30. No charge, info 937-3575.

### Tuesday, Nov. 19

• The Earthsave Cooking Class, held at Optimum (630 Sherbrooke West, second level) will be held at 18h. Free for members, \$5 for non-members, meal included.

• The YWCA (1355 René Levesque) offers a class about how to save money

called "A walk through your tax return" presented by May Boctor, C.A., 18h15-20h45. Call now to register, 866-9941 ext. 219.

### Wednesday, Nov. 20

• McGill Student Health Services sponsors a Contraceptive Fair, Shatner building, room 107-108. Community health organisations, contraceptive manufacturers and nurse/health educators will be present to provide literature, show products and answer questions.

• The Women of Colour Collective of QPIRG-McGill presents a sneak preview of the film "Listening for Something" (premiering later this week at the Image et Na-

tion Festival). Features Dionne Brand and Adrienne Rich. 3475 Peel, 2-3:30 pm.

### Thursday, Nov. 21

• The McGill Centre for Research and Teaching on Women in Engineering present a screening of the film "Asking Different Questions" by Gwynne Basen and Erna Buffie. Frank Dawson Adams Auditorium, 19h30.

• Concordia Irish Lecture Series presents Dr. Catherine Wilson from the Department of History at the University of Guelph who will speak on "The experience of Irish tenants in 19th century Ontario." Concordia University Hall Building, room H 762, 19h. Info 848-2435.

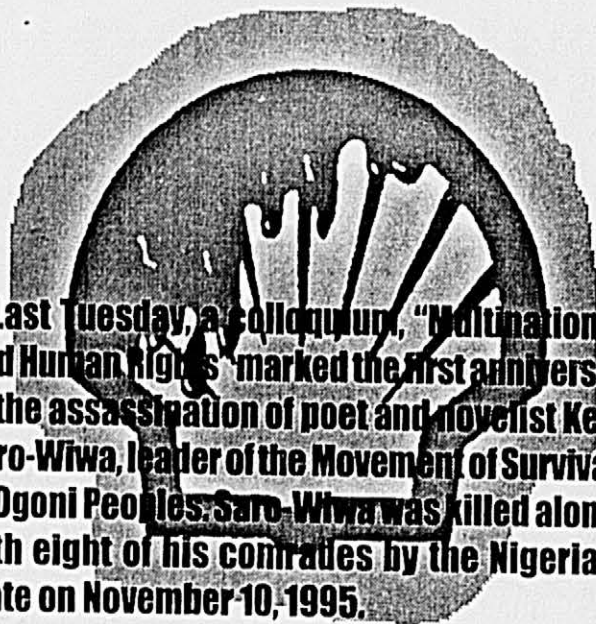
### Ongoing

• Literacy Partners of Québec can help you with your reading. For info and services call the LEARN line at 931-7434.

• The McGill Women's Union Christmas clothing and food drive for Project Chance, a housing project for single mothers in school needs donations like canned soups and vegetables, sugar, tea. Drop off donations at the Women's Union (Shatner 423). Info 398-6823.

• The McGill Debating Union has its show round Monday nights, Shatner 302, 18h. Practice rounds are held on Fridays in Leacock room 15 at 17h30. All welcome, no experience necessary.





Last Tuesday, a colloquium, "Multinationals and Human Rights" marked the first anniversary of the assassination of poet and novelist Ken Saro-Wiwa, leader of the Movement for Survival of Ogoni Peoples. Saro-Wiwa was killed along with eight of his comrades by the Nigerian state on November 10, 1995.

by Terna Gyuse & Sonia Verma

We are accustomed to thinking of Africa as a continent on the verge of disaster, presenting one crisis after another to be managed. It stems from a colonial mentality that the continent is a resource to be exploited, whether in terms of oil, diamonds or people. In keeping with this logic, any leadership which presents itself as capable of maintaining stability is supported. The question, however, is what kind of stability: stability to enable corporations to continue to profit at all levels possible where environmental and human rights standards are not enforced.

This colonial mentality can be seen in Ogoniland in southeast Nigeria. Shell International's oil production there has, by polluting the environment, destroyed the economic basis of the Ogoni people, offering them nothing in return.

Profits exceeding \$30 billion dollars have been reaped by multinational oil companies since commercial drilling began in Ogoniland in 1958. Although Shell claims to have contributed more than \$25 million to Ogoni communities, the statement can only be interpreted as a strategic public relations move. The region remains severely underdeveloped, lacking schools, healthcare, clean drinking water and other basic infrastructure.

And the profits reaped by corporations have come at a cost. The environmental impact of oil production in Ogoniland has been nothing short of devastating for the people and the land which is central to their economic survival. "With the discovery of oil, we see huge pipes coming up through the earth and cutting through the fresh water streams and dividing homes," described Diana Wiwa at a colloquium on Multinationals and Human Rights last week.

A 1993 Greenpeace report details what the Ogoni have been describing for years - flooded land, air pollution, fountains of emulsified oil pouring into villagers' fields and contaminating water supplies. In the words of Nigerian environmentalist Orono Douglas, "They have created a situation that can only be de-

scribed as environmental genocide."

Moreover, the Ogoni's legitimate protests against their dispossession have been met with severe military repression. Currently, 19 Ogoni activists are among the many Nigerians imprisoned for their opposition to the continuing violations of human rights perpetrated by the military regime.

In an effort to silence the opposition, the Nigerian government has waged a brutal military campaign against the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni Peoples (MOSOP) - the resistance organisation set up in 1990 by Ken Saro-Wiwa and others to fight for a clean environment and a fair share of resources. Major Paul Okuntimo of the Rivers State Internal Security Task force has headed the ruthless campaign against the Ogoni - a campaign which has, according to Amnesty International, resulted in the deaths of more than 1 800 Ogoni people.



Ken Saro-Wiwa

The army has burned, shot, hanged and raped the population. Shell has supplied arms and helped with transporting troops within Ogoni.

#### REFUSING TO BE SILENCED

Silencing protest only defers the problem, as is evident elsewhere in Africa - in Algeria, Libe-

ria or eastern Zaire - where people have initiated armed struggles when denied political expression.

Corporations often present their economic ties to repressive regimes - be that in Indonesia, Mexico, China or Nigeria - as 'constructive engagement'. They argue that as corporate citizens they have no political role, or that they cannot make a difference if

they pull out. But clearly they do make a difference - a negative one. In the Nigerian case, the oil companies are actively creating crisis by their environmental destruction and financial support for state terror.

This is clear to those struggling inside Nigeria and is the reason why MOSOP and other opposition groups argue for the imposition

## SHELL OUT OF NIGERIA NOW

Simultaneous protests are being held at Shell stations across the city in an effort to raise public awareness of the multinational's complicity in the Nigerian government's repression. A coalition of groups including the Nigeria Action Network, QPIRG McGill and PROBE intend to continue the weekly picketing, until Shell completely withdraws its operations from the region.

Oil represents 90% of Nigeria's revenues and 80% of its foreign exchange earnings. Oil fuels the brutal regime of Sani Abacha and Shell produces most of that oil.

Greenpeace has concluded that Ogoniland, in the Delta area, looks like "hell on earth". Shell's devastating environmental practices have led to large areas of scorched earth, oil spills that were never cleaned up and constant flaring off of raw natural gas. Such practices are illegal in Canada.

Shell has claimed that it would have been inappropriate for the company to have used its influence to prevent the hanging on November 10, 1995 of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other activists. But it tried. The director of Shell Nigeria, Brian Anderson,

contacted Saro-Wiwa's brother and offered to use the company's influence with the Nigerian Government to secure Saro-Wiwa's release, but only in exchange for an end to global protests against the company.

Shell Nigeria's executive had to be shuffled after it became public that money was paid to various Nigerian government officials.

On January 28, 1996, Shell International spokesperson, Eric Nickson, told the British newspaper, The Observer, that Shell has bought firearms for the Nigerian

police to protect Shell installations. He confirmed that once those arms are in the country they are the property of the Nigerian police.

Shell owes the people of the Delta billions of dollars in accumulated rents and royalties, and billions more in compensation for environmental damages.

- with files from Concerned Groups for Democratic Change in Nigeria and Maggie Gilmour





# Earth"

## ONE YEAR AFTER THE EXECUTION OF KEN SARO-WIWA THE INJUSTICE CONTINUES

of oil sanctions against Nigeria. They consider this a necessary step in establishing a new government - one responsive to the needs of its people.

The military regime has promised to transfer power into civilian hands on October 1, 1998. But it is a promise that has been broken before: Moshood Abiola, who won elections in 1993 was denied his mandate by the military and imprisoned.

### INTERNATIONAL RESPONSES TO THE MILITARY

Canada has led the international community in calling for an international oil embargo, but has been reluctant to impose sanctions unilaterally. Given the size and relative importance of Nigeria to

Africa, and of Shell to the British and Dutch economies, multilateral sanctions are unlikely in the near future. For reasons known only to itself the United Nations saw fit in April to endorse the Abacha regime's new programme for transition. Canada's calls for a boycott at the Commonwealth have similarly been defeated by British influence.

Gwem Schulman, who spoke at the November 12th colloquium, stressed the importance of building popular support for the Canadian government to assume a still more active leadership role.

While international response to the atrocities committed in the Niger delta remain at the level of expressions of diplomatic outrage, Shell and the military continue to have a free hand. This is

evidenced by Shell's pressing ahead with a \$3.6 billion dollar liquefied natural gas project. The military occupation of Ogoniland continues, and Nigerians face arbitrary arrest, torture and assassination.

At the conclusion of his mock trial by the military, Ken Saro-Wiwa said, "I predict that the dénouement of the riddle of the Niger delta will soon come. The agenda is being set at this trial. Whether the peaceful ways I have favoured will prevail depends on what the oppressor decides, what signals it sends out to the waiting public."

For more information, the waiting public can call The Nigeria Action Network at 398-7432.

## Making Space for Change

In the first round of decolonisation in the 50s and 60s, the demands of the colonised were primarily political. Nationalist leaders sought to gain control of the state. In contrast, the double axes of MOSOP's demands - environmental and political - represent a move to a deeper level of struggle, a call for more far-reaching change: not simply to who governs, but to how we are governed.

The efforts of movements such as MOSOP which express their demands in terms of respect for the environment have the potential to give birth to local political orders that will achieve something basic and almost forgotten - orders that respect the rights and ability of local communities to determine their relation to the land and to their neighbours.

Such movements are not committed to the faltering concept of the nation-state, or to capitalist ideas of progress. They are concerned, rather, with survival. If we dare speak of global social change, perhaps we should speak of it in terms of thousands and thousands of local communities seizing control of the land and organising themselves to meet their needs and desires.

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# COMING TO TERMS WITH EXTREM

## An interview with Dermot Travis

by Anup Grewal



he past month has seen a rather bizarre spectacle of selective memory in the Canadian media.

Being the one year anniversary of the Québec referendum, Canadian newspapers and television news shows have insisted on reminding us "Remember, we won that battle by the skin of our teeth."

The coverage has been striking in its focus on the 'momentous' No rally three days before the referendum organised by some of our best patriots such as Brian Tobin, Premier of Newfoundland. The injustices of the Parti Québécois and the francophone community have been drummed into our heads by such people as Diane Francis, columnist for the *Financial Post* who has declared war on the 'separatists'.

What has been missing is a critical look at the extremism that has festered since last year's referendum and a discussion of the nuances of the debate over Québec sovereignty — a discussion which might provide an opportunity for understanding rather than hostility.

Last week, the *Daily* had the opportunity to speak to activist Dermot Travis. Travis has been instrumental in raising the voice of moderation in the debate over Québec's future, bringing together

**Daily:** Could you explain the concept behind Forum Québec and its significance?

**Dermot Travis:** Forum Québec's significance probably also best describes the concept. It is the only place where anglophones and francophones, regardless of their beliefs, can meet and talk about the issues that are important to their future.

Nobody is asked to subscribe to a particular point of view to participate — which I think is important in today's political climate where society is equally divided between two particular points of view.

It is definitely trying to promote a certain sense of moderation in the debate. We have been critical of people on both sides of the debate who have chosen to use words and phrases that are inflammatory and intend to further divide people rather than getting to the core of some of the problems that we're facing.

**Daily:** In your Forum Québec sessions, you often have leaders such as Camil Laurin, the architect of Bill 101, speaking. By seeing these political figures speak outside the public arena, what have you learned?

**Dermot Travis:** I think that the biggest thing that we have learned is that because of the manner in which the debate is unfolding, we lose the opportunity to see ways for accommodation. Both sides have certain political requirements that they must fulfill on a daily basis, be it in the National Assembly, at question period or in the halls of public debate. And because there is always the media present and because there are always the extremes on both sides, the idea of compromise, of finding common ground gets thrown out simply because the political price too often is too difficult, especially for many politicians.

**Daily:** Right now in Québec, the political leaders are not talking about another referendum — in fact Lucien Bouchard is refusing to do so — yet on one level, there is a debate with two extreme sides raging over language issues and the possible separation of Québec. How would you define this debate and how is it affecting the political situation in Québec right now?

**Dermot Travis:** I think ... if you were involved as an activist in the 1980 referendum, you're now probably part of the problem and not part of the solution. Individu-

als like Camil Laurin and Jacques Parizeau belong to a different generation. They look at the issues based on their upbringing and their youth and they really don't hold the solution any longer.

It's the generation that came into political life, public life following the 1980 referendum who will be best placed to find the solutions because they don't hold the prejudices, the preconceptions that their parents did...

I also think that part of the problem through the debate has been the buzzwords — that you

unfortunately because of the way the debate unfolds, you have to either be a separatist or a federalist. We are paying the price of that now.

are either a separatist or a federalist, either a francophone or an anglophone. Those labels no longer apply as they did in 1980 and because of that we have to find new words that allow people to find their own comfort zone.

I always find it interesting that there is almost a consensus across Canada to refer to the First Nations as "Nations" but that people can't take the next step regarding the French founders of Canada as a people. That may not necessarily take away from having a country that continues to stretch from one end to the other.

**Daily:** One of the sides of the debate is the partition 'movement' by groups who want to stay part of Canada. The idea has influence especially in the Anglophone community. They say "If Québec can separate, so can we." What is the impact of this partition movement and how is it different from the idea of Québec separation?

**Dermot Travis:** First and foremost, it's different on the basis that when Newfoundland and Labrador joined the confederation, they joined as a mass, they joined as a territory and there was no discussion that maybe ... maybe that street legitimately did not want to be part of Canada and maybe it should it have been allowed to stay as part of a British Colony.

When Quebec and the other three provinces originally formed Canada in 1867, again there was no question among them that well, we've got a little neighbourhood here not too crazy about the concept and so maybe we shouldn't allow them in.

To change the rules simply because now the federalists believe

they're not going to win the game after all, certainly is not what I consider to be the Canadian way. I don't consider that to be a value that we share as Quebecers and Canadians regarding democracy.

Québec has certain territorial boundaries and those boundaries were established by the National Assembly, with the government of Canada and it will be up to the National Assembly to decide whether they want to change those territorial boundaries, in particular in relation to the partition movement.

I think that the issue vis à vis the Crees and other Aboriginal groups is a separate subject from partition. It is in many ways sad that anglo-partitionists would try and draw a link between themselves and the Crees and other Aboriginal groups.

The reality for partition when it's

taken to the extreme — and it has been taken to its extreme by Diane Francis and others in Montréal — is quite an absurdity because they are talking about the fact that the smallest voting component should decide where it wants to be situated after a referendum so that you would literally have a situation where one side of the street is one political entity and the other side of the street is another political entity.

This is a recipe for disaster in terms of trying to have any kind of economic growth or stable social environment.

There were certainly in the last referendum





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voting sections where there was a tie between the 'Yes' and the 'No' side. What are you going to do with that particular situation?

**Daily:** Considering what you said about the partition movement, wouldn't it make Canada and not only Québec ungovernable? How much is the partition movement looking at these problems? Would you define it as more of an emotional response?

**Dermod Travis:** Certainly from the anglos in Montreal it is often an emotional reaction. Diane Francis said last Sunday that [partition is] the knife to the throat of separatism.

The reality comes back to the idea that both sides may believe their own propaganda too much. There needs to be a distinction in the political debate between those individuals in Québec who aspire to nationhood with embassies, a Québec currency and Québec passports; those that wish to seek a new accommodation with Canada on any variety of levels, and even those who believe the status quo is too much and would reduce the powers that Québec has under the current constitution. And I'm not interested in allowing either of those perspectives to monopolise the debate where all we talk about is federalism and separation and not accommodation.

**Daily:** You have often addressed the issue of how the 'rest of Canada' views Québec. How would you comment on this perception?

**Dermod Travis:** I think that there are some well reasoned Canadian journalists who provide their readers with a good service in terms of the debate. Unfortunately I think there is an attitude among many Canadians to believe the worst of Québec.... should

anyone say anything that contradicts their point of view, it immediately gets dismissed as separatist propaganda or the Canadian establishment trying to shove the idea of 'distinct society' down their throat.

You have Diane Francis in her latest book saying that we either should lock Lucien Bouchard up or deport him. There is a constituency in Canada that agrees with Diane Francis. But they need to be reminded that we live in a free society with freedom of thought and freedom of association, that such comments and such attitudes run entirely counter to our system.

Part of the problem is the debate unfolds in two different languages... and we don't have the leadership on the National level to act as interpreters to what is actually being said.

There is a distinction between separation and sovereignty; between sovereignty and accommodation, there is another distinction; between accommodation and federalism you get status quo federalism, Charlottetown federalism, Meech Lake federalism. All of these have different meanings to different people but unfortunately because of the way the debate unfolds, you have to either be a separatist or a federalist. We are paying the price of that now.

**Daily:** Former Québec Premier Jacques Parizeau made some unfortunate comments on the night of last year's ref-

erendum, saying that "ethnics and money" ruined the chances of Québec separation. The comments have been used repeatedly to pinpoint the dangers for anyone who is not *pur laine* Québécois after the referendum. Can you comment on the legacy of Parizeau's words and the reality they reflect?

**Dermod Travis:** I think that Mr. Parizeau's comments were intolerant and they were made by a drunk who is extremely bitter over

were denounced literally within minutes by French Quebecers, by sovereignist French Quebecers. Josée Legault denounced the comments on CBC National News. That is forgotten. It is forgotten that many people in the Parti Québécois denounced the comments. It is forgotten that within hours of making the comments, Jacques Parizeau was gone.

**Western Canadians are not cast in the same boat when Preston Manning says something equally as intolerant [as Jacques Parizeau]. And that is one of the double standards in the debate.**



**Daily:** As we saw in the No rally last year and in the anniversary No rally this year as well as in new books such as *Canada: The Best Country in the World* by Roopnarine Singh, there is a view in Canada, that all we have to do is 'love Québec'

the fact that the 'Yes' side lost that referendum. I don't think that they are reflective of the majority of people who voted yes, let alone the 6 million people in Québec who speak French.

There is a tendency in Québec to use these comments to blanket the entire society and people who use the comments in that manner do not do the reverse, so that Preston Manning is never held up to the same standards — Western Canadians are not cast in the same boat when Preston Manning says something equally as intolerant. And that is one of the double standards in the debate.

**M r . Parizeau's comments**

and the problems will be solved; all we have to do is gear up our national pride and everything will be all right. Can you comment on how these ideas address the concerns of Québec?

**Dermod Travis:** The one comment that I find remarkable that Dr. Singh made was the fact that he believes French Québécois nationalism is bad, but Canadian nationalism is good. Either nationalism is bad regardless of the nation that is being represented by it or its good across the board... but I don't think that its based on the fact that one form is French and the other is English.

I think that its somewhat remarkable that somebody like Frank MacKenna, came to the Canadian Rally — the No Rally — on October 27 to say that he loved Québec and he loved Quebecers and that by lunch time he was trying to persuade Québec businesses to leave Québec and set up in New Brunswick.

That to me is a rather weird form of love.

On the day of the rally I was asked my opinion of it and my reaction was 'too little, too late'. Canadians always love Québec when they are on the verge of leaving, they rarely demonstrate the same compassion between referendums.

**Daily:** What message would

you give to anglophones outside of Québec and those inside, like McGill students who come here for short stints?

**Dermod Travis:** Number one, stop believing your first prejudices. In particular when you are visiting Québec for the first time, socialise in the French Québécois milieu, find Québécois friends, keep your ears open and your mouth closed a bit more and listen and be prepared to confront your own assumptions about the Québec question. Don't believe everything you read in the media. The debate is not as simple as certain English commentators would like it to be for their own agenda in terms of journalism.

There have been some injustices done to Québec historically. Those injustices must be addressed and acknowledged. It's not sufficient to say "okay, we did some bad things fifty or sixty years ago but that's that." There has to be some recognition that goes beyond that. The scales have to be more equitably balanced in terms of the future. There is little that Quebecers are asking for that isn't taken for granted by the other provinces as a regular, day-to-day part of their lives.

There are excesses in the Québec debate, but those excesses exist on both sides. The problem is that neither side is appreciative of the fact that they have those excesses ... when you talk to hard-line anglophone militants, they can do no wrong .... There has to be a better perception about the fact that no one holds the monopoly on truth.

**Daily:** With all the different sides and hard feelings and rhetoric flying around, what are the chances for an understanding, some sort of conciliation?

**Dermod Travis:** When somebody has the answer to that I hope they can let me know. I think it has to come on the person-to-person level. The success of the dinners at Forum Québec is that they happen face-to-face and that there is no linguistic or journalistic interpreter sitting between the two sides. I think that helps because suddenly young anglophones in particular get to see the people they have perceived to be their worst enemies sitting across the table from them, breaking bread with them. I think that takes part of the hostility out of the debate.

I would like to see more Quebecers take initiatives like this on their own, formally or informally.

Invite your neighbours over. Phone up people you don't even know, as we did, and ask, 'would you come?'

I think that people will be surprised that they do want to come and that they do want to talk, they do want to communicate.

**Daily:** As someone who came from Western Canada to Québec, how did you get yourself so involved in things that are happening in Québec?

**Dermod Travis:** By choosing to. And I would say to any student at McGill, don't be afraid of getting involved in the debate. There is nobody who is saying that "sorry, you are too young or you are too new or you are too old."





# Yikes hikes

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BECOME MCGILL'S  
LATEST CASH COWS

by Tamana Kochar

In their latest attempt to charge students more for education, the Executive Committee of the McGill Board of Governors decided to increase tuition fees for international students.

Currently, undergraduate international students pay approximately \$8,000 a year. But due to last Monday's decision, International students in B.Comm will see their fees rise to \$12,000, those in MBA to \$16,000 and those in Dentistry to \$32,000.

"The aim of the administration is to completely privatise international students," said Undergraduate Students' Society President, Chris Carter in a report to Council.

Vice-Principal Administration and Finance Phyllis Heaphy stressed that, "International tuition has increased only for a few selected programmes because of the competitive nature of those programmes."

But according to university deans across Canada, universities have no right to charge international students tuition fees different from those charged to Canadians.

At a meeting in Calgary from October 30 to November 2, graduate studies deans adopted a policy opposing differential tuition fees for international students.

"They want to encourage international students to come to

Canada because they feel that they [international students] bring an international dimension to the universities," said Steven Wilson, Chairperson, National Graduate Council.

Deans from McGill University were not present at the meeting.

But this overwhelming opposition by deans has not deterred the deregulation of international student fees.

According to Wilson, although the deans opposed differential fees, their universities felt they had no choice. "Their attitude was that they were forced to deregulate international students because of government policies."

Both the Ontario and the Nova Scotia governments deregulated international student fees. The universities can now set their own tuition fees for international students, keep those fees and not count them among government funded students.

McGill did not even need the go ahead from the government to take such an action. Don McGowan SSMU VP University Affairs explained that, "McGill does not need permission from the government because McGill is a private university created by James McGill and exists under the Royal Charter of the Queen of England."

But according to Vice Principal Academic Bill Chan, the government is aware of the changes at

McGill.

"International students have been on self-funded programmes which is higher than differential fees and the government is aware of that."

Chan also said, "Although there are no international students in dentistry this year, the fees have increased from \$8,000 to \$32,000 because that is the true cost of educating students in that programme."

For Chan these increases are not unrealistic. "The fees are reasonable when compared to institutions around the world and part of the tuition would go towards financial support and scholarships for those outstanding international students. It also helps to improve the quality of education for international and other students."

This view is not held by everyone though. Michael Temelini, a graduate student remarked, "Students have few rights. We're the lowest of the low, but international students have even fewer rights."

And Wilson was encouraged by the general opposition of the deans to such moves all across the country. He said, "Although the deans of graduate studies are the least powerful deans it is supportive that some people in the higher echelons have spoken out against differential fees because earlier they were silent."

**BIGGER PROFITS**

**SOME**

**NUMBERS**

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-Proportion of courses in Dalhousie's private degree programme which are taught by the Institute of Canadian Bankers instead of Dalhousie professors. Universite de Quebec a Montreal offers a similar privatised banking degree.

## Grabbing cash in the prairies

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA PLANS TO DOUBLE TUITION FEES  
IN SOME GRADUATE PROGRAMS

by Carey Frey

REGINA (CUP)

Saskatchewan could be the next province to start charging differential tuition fees according to a memo circulating at the University of Regina. The memo, authored by the university's associate dean of graduate studies, states that graduate students in administration programs will have to pay more for their classes than other graduate students.

"It's clearly a cash grab," said Richard Bruce, a graduate student at the U of R. Bruce says he is worried this will lead to other graduate programs costing more in the near future.

George Maslany, the memo's author, says the fees will only af-

fect administration programs. He adds that it is just the university's way of coming up with a fair and acceptable change in tuition. "I feel that this is a viable way of proceeding in order to derive more revenues," Maslany said.

The memo states that, "the Board of Governors has discussed and supported in principle," the proposal to allow for the charging of the higher tuition fees.

However, Dave Beros, the lone student representative on the board says the proposal wasn't being discussed at all. "I'm appalled that this is happening without me knowing," Beros said. "I think it's obscene. All students

should pay the same fee no matter what class it is."

Maslany says that he is challenging the basic premise at the U of R that "one size fits all."

Beros adds that he is worried that the university could implement differential fees for other programs like Fine Arts and Engineering that are more expensive to teach. However, university vice-president David Barnard says it's inconceivable that the administration would differentially price courses like that.

"It's a practice of this university to keep fees the same as the other prairie provinces," he said.

Barnard blames a reduction in The McGill Daily

government funding as the reason the university is being forced to increase tuition. "We don't receive enough public subsidy to offer the kinds of new programs we think are important," Barnard said.

Maslany says the students in the graduate administration programs are mostly part-time students who have other work or are sponsored by their employers. "These fees are not out of line with what the perspective graduate body would be able to afford," he said.

In his memo, Maslany writes that some of the revenues obtained from the new fee will be directed towards program devel-

opment. He adds that some of the money may also go to the creation of new scholarships and bursaries for students entering the program.

"We recognise in certain instances that there may be academically deserving individuals who can't afford the normal fee," Maslany said. "I would consider it completely unacceptable to be offering programs only for the independently wealthy."

He added that it is important for the university administration to "sell the issue," even though there may be dissent. "We are unlikely to abandon the pursuit of our differential fee initiative," he said.



# IMPORTANT

## \$60,000

-Fee for McGill's new 12-week international MBA programme. This fee is quoted in US dollars.

0 -Number of students enrolled in Masters of Manufacturing Management, McGill's first "self-funding" (i.e. private) degree programme.

12 -Number of private MBA programmes across Canada



# A new formula for ready-made employees?

## CRITICS SAY PRIVATE MBA PROGRAMS ENDANGER PUBLIC EDUCATION

by Sarah Schmidt

TORONTO (CUP)

Private executive MBA programs operating out of Canadian universities threaten the future of public post-secondary institutions, education policy analysts say.

Executive masters of business administration programs, currently offered at 12 Canadian universities, do not rely on direct government funding, charge students the full cost of the program, and are designed to make a profit.

The price of the programs range from \$23,500 for a one-year science and technology MBA from Queen's University, to \$52,000 for a national executive MBA at the University of Western Ontario, to U.S. \$60,000 for McGill University's international MBA.

Those who run these programs say they have no other choice but to charge high fees to guarantee a certain profit margin.

"Governments are no longer able to fund us. It becomes the institution's responsibility to find ways to make money to allow it to happen," said Joseph Macdonald, co-ordinator of Dalhousie University's financial services MBA.

But critics say governments do, in fact, have access to large amounts of money to adequately fund post-secondary institutions.

"There is, in fact, more money in this country than there's ever

been. It's just in private hands. And it is the same corporations trying to 'rescue' our public institutions that caused the funding crisis by lobbying actively for the cuts," said Heather-Jane Robertson, an executive on the board of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Brad Lavigne, national chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students, says financial institutions and corporations which sustain these programs by enrolling their employees in them should help finance our post-secondary institutions, but through the tax system.

"The choice to defend education is a political choice, not an economic one. There is a tremendous amount of wealth in this country. The funding crisis comes from federal and provincial governments unwillingness to harness it," he said.

While Alcan Aluminum and Royal Bank are currently paying for nearly 10 of their employees to take McGill's international MBA program, the former owes the government almost U.S. \$1 billion in deferred taxes and the latter paid no income tax on profits of \$63 million in 1992.

"Instead of paying \$60,000 for an executive to go through a private program, they should be paying their fair share of taxes to sustain the public system," said

Lavigne.

But advocates of these private programs say they cannot offer high quality without this new funding structure.

Robertson, however, says this appeal to quality masks the ideological disdain for services provided for by the public sector.

"The notion that things provided through the private [sector] are superior in quality than the public is one of the myths propagated by the people who want to disembowel public spending," she said. "All you have to do is sufficiently discredit what is public."

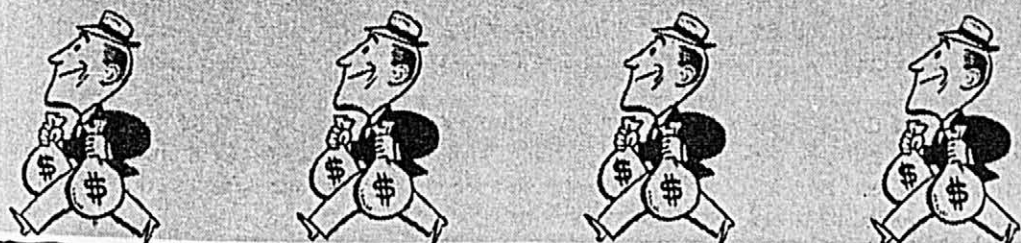
Ed Finn, research associate for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, says it is the private sector's direct involvement in these programs which is the greatest threat to a quality education.

"They want ready-made employees to fit into the corporate structure. But post-secondary education should train us how to think for ourselves," he said.

"I can't conceive of balanced instruction from [a] banking institution on monetary policies or on government debt [and] deficit. I'd be very surprised if it wasn't providing narrow, self-serving positions on these subjects," added Finn, with reference to the partnership Dalhousie University has with the Institute of Canadian Bankers to offer a specialized MBA course.

## \$23,500 – \$52,000

-Range of tuition fees for one or two year private MBA programmes.





# MCGILL TA'S NOT ALONE

## Teaching assistants in Ontario contemplate strikes

by Kathleen Frederickson

McGill's teaching assistants are not the only ones who are considering wrapping chilled knuckles around picket signs this winter. Unions at York, Carleton, and McMaster universities are also contemplating TA strikes, although the issues differ at each institution.

To AGSEM, the union that represents the interests of McGill's teaching assistants, the potential strike at York is of particular interest. The current contract between the York administration and the University's teaching assistants is regarded by AGSEM as a model. That York's TAs are contemplating strike action provides a relevant context in which to place AGSEM's demands here at McGill.

"They read what we're asking

for and laugh at us," commented Regina Harrison, one of AGSEM's two joint co-ordinators.

Indeed, the \$27 per hour salary is certainly higher than that enjoyed by even the best paid of McGill's teaching assistants.

The key issues, according to York's Strike Support Co-ordinator David Camfield, are a tuition freeze, job security for contract faculty and a reduction in the size of tutorials from 30 to 22 students.

At McGill, a class with less than 90 students does not normally warrant a teaching assistant. In addition, the McGill administration is proposing that TA wages be set between ten and fifteen dollars per hour.

Furthermore, the administration seeks to revoke the tuition waiver currently extended to TAs

in three faculties at McGill. But the union would have the waiver extended to all of McGill's TAs.

AGSEM has called for external arbitration over the contract talks. Given that teaching assistants have been working without a contract since 1993, the union's move is hardly surprising.

The probable one-day strike scheduled for November 20th is slightly more unexpected. Some professors, students, and TAs have questioned the validity of a strike, given that arbitration has already been requested. The potential general strike, contingent upon a vote to be held on the 20th, meets with similar questioning.

Harrison regards the strike as a method of speeding up the arbitration process. For Harrison, a strike means that both the McGill administration and the Minister

of Labour are likely "to take the issue more seriously," a reaction she hopes will lead to the speedy appointment of an arbitrator and a willingness to begin negotiations as soon as possible.

"We were optimistic that [negotiation] would begin in December," she noted, "now it looks like it will be the new year."

The delay in beginning the arbitration process has Harrison worried that the McGill administration will alter the conditions for teaching assistantships next semester.

Working without a contract, the TAs have little say in their current working conditions. Beginning the process of arbitration would effectively freeze working conditions in their present state until a contract is established.

Placing the possible benefits of

a general strike against the wage loss that such a move would incur may prove to be a difficult issue for some TAs.

Strike pay is notably lower than the average working wage and could put many impoverished TAs in a precarious financial position. Some TAs question the validity of a strike given that arbitration is already underway.

In addition, some TAs feel that they are not receiving sufficient information from the union.

Harrison agrees, noting that the union is doing its best to keep in touch with its members through an e-mail list, newsletter and departmental representatives. She also asks that anyone — student, professor or teaching assistant — who has questions regarding the proposed strike contact the union at 398-2582.

## hyde park

by Simone Levine

In reading Benji Weinstein's editorial "Dealing with the Pepsi Dilemma" in the McGill Tribune (November 12), I was deeply grieved, not over his opinion, as everyone is entitled to their own, but rather his train of reasoning. In writing on the SSMU decision to place a sticker condemning Pepsi for its actions in Burma under all Pepsi advertisements in Shatner, Weinstein's article depended on a number of inaccurate pieces of information which must be clarified.

Weinstein writes, "The contract negotiations with them (Pepsi) were done honestly and legitimately." In summer 1995, students requested to speak before the meeting where SSMU and Pepsi representatives would come together, signing a contract ensuring Pepsi's complete monopoly on campus until the year 2000. These students were told they would receive a phone call as to when they could speak; such a call was never received, locking students into the Pepsi contract. Further controversy emerged by signing this contract during the summer when the student population posed no threat. How contract negotiations could be seen as conducted honestly and legitimately is baffling.

Weinstein writes, "A perfect example of hypocrisy is an organisation that takes money from a company, puts that company's signs all over the place, and then puts up more signs stating that it condemns that company." However, one must realise that it was SSMU representatives signing the contract and students putting up signs. When a handful of representatives decide to ignore student

voices, they must be made accountable. This was proved in a vote of 1,884 to 588 to condemn Pepsi for its actions in Burma. It cannot be helped if Weinstein fell within the minority voting against this decision.

Flawed reasoning is again found in the statement, "When Pepsi finds out about this, they will likely sue SSMU, or break the contract." Weinstein's sources should be questioned. According to SSMU lawyers, representatives from legal aid and various law students, the possibility of Pepsi, a billion dollar multinational corporation, suing a lot of poor students is negligible. If Pepsi did not decide to sue the University of Wisconsin, Harvard, UCLA and others breaking contract with Pepsi, spreading awareness through stickers could hardly culminate in either a law suit or a contract termination.

Spreading awareness remains the only purpose for such stickers. Students have to be made aware that every Pepsi item consumed is propping up a dictatorship slaughtering thousands of its people. Weinstein's article is reminiscent of the resistance to the South African boycott. In Weinstein calling such a move to spread awareness "unethical," I invite him to meet with the new Financial Ethics Research Committee, created by students to research ethics involved in such contracts. Just as in the South African case, there are always attempts to confuse the public with false information, there are always those criticising yet creating no solutions themselves. I invite Mr. Weinstein to come to a body active in creating solutions, instead of the Tribune.



### NGO HARASSED IN MEXICO

The Mexican League for the Defence of Human Rights (LIMEDDH) reports that in the early morning of 4 November 1996, the offices of Coordinacion de ONGs por la Paz (CONPAZ), which is a coordinating body consisting of 10 NGOs in San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, suffered their fourth and most serious attack in the space of two months.

According to the information, unknown persons penetrated the offices of CONPAZ and set fire to sheets, medicines, and food meant for the campesino communities of Chiapas. They destroyed computers, cut off the telephone lines, partially destroyed the ad-

ministrative area and painted phrases intended to link the organisation with Zapatismo.

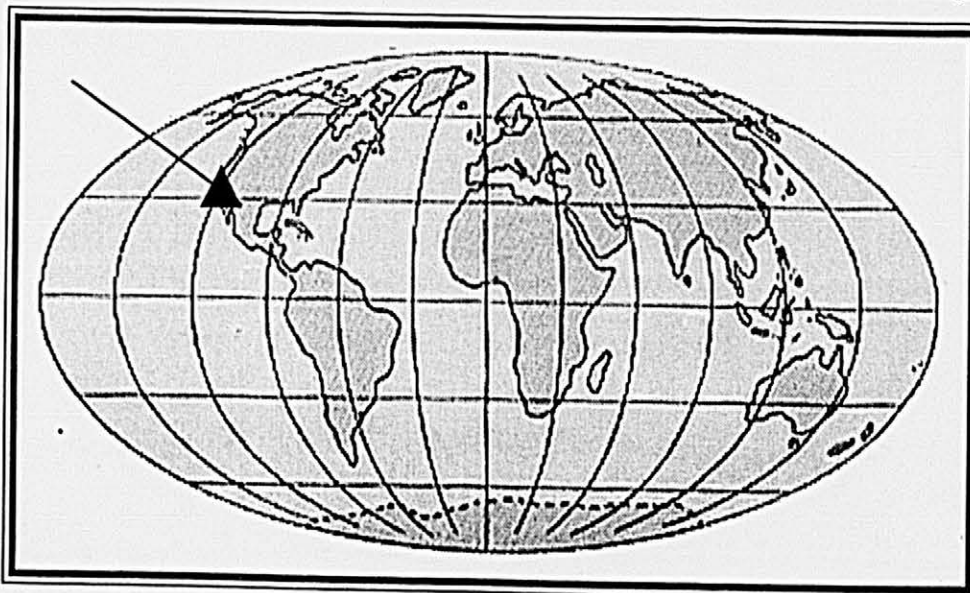
The information implies that the attack could have been caused by the activities of the coordinator of the Human Rights Branch, Miguel Angel de los Santos, who is the defence attorney of presumed zapatistas detained in the Cerro Hueco state jail. Moreover, de los Santos recently participated in the Interamerican Commission of Human Rights hearings in Washington D.C. to support accusations against the Mexican Federal Army for their presumed participation in the killing of campesinos in the Morelia land collective in January 1994.

It is also necessary to remem-

ber that the recent attack on CONPAZ took place just one day before the establishment, in San Cristobal de las Casas, of the Monitoring Committee for the Peace Agreement signed by EZLN and the Mexican government.

The International Secretariat expresses its grave concern for the persistent harassment campaigns against NGOs, presumably by persons or groups linked to the forces of order, and fears for the physical and psychological integrity of members and leaders of such organisations, in particular Miguel Angel de los Santos who may be subjected to further harassment in the future.

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# Kissing butt

## STUDENT UNIONS SHOULD PUCKER-UP SAYS LEAKED DOCUMENT

by Samer Muscati

OTTAWA (CUP) Kissing butt is the best way to protect post-secondary education in Canada, says a document leaked from a national student organisation.

Student unions should "shmooze" media, government, and students as part of the lobbying strategy of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), which represents over 100,000 post-secondary students.

CASA recommends that it's members "bump" into politicians by hanging out in government buildings, establish good relationships with newspaper editors and invite university administrators out for dessert and coffee in order to become an "effective lobby organisation."

Student groups are also encouraged to send university administrators flowers "at appropriate times" such as during a death in the family. "[Sending flowers] may sound morbid," said Matthew Hough, executive director of CASA, "but it's not a bad suggestion." Hough, who compiled the report, says that the document is the basis of how he approaches the lobby scene. He says that the strategies have been sent to CASA's 11 member schools who will decide for themselves what to do with the suggestions.

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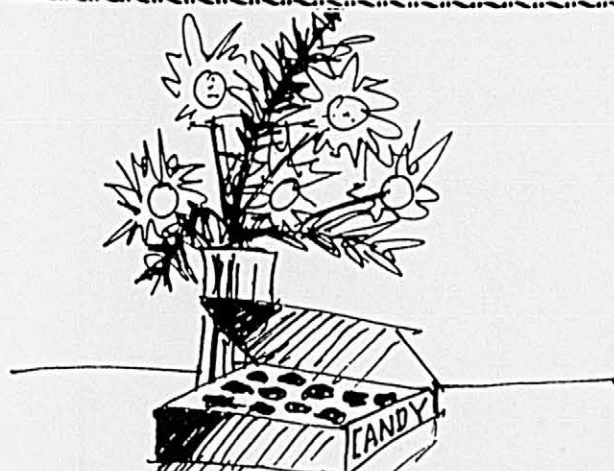
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# MCGILL TA'S NOT ALONE

## Teaching assistants in Ontario contemplate strikes

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Indeed, the \$27 per hour salary is certainly higher than that enjoyed by even the best paid of McGill's teaching assistants.

The key issues, according to York's Strike Support Co-ordinator David Camfield, are a tuition freeze, job security for contract faculty and a reduction in the size of tutorials from 30 to 22 students.

At McGill, a class with less than 90 students does not normally warrant a teaching assistant. In addition, the McGill administration is proposing that TA wages be set between ten and fifteen dollars per hour.

Furthermore, the administration seeks to revoke the tuition waiver currently extended to TAs

in three faculties at McGill. But the union would have the waiver extended to all of McGill's TAs.

AGSEM has called for external arbitration over the contract talks. Given that teaching assistants have been working without a contract since 1993, the union's move is hardly surprising.

The probable one-day strike scheduled for November 20th is slightly more unexpected. Some professors, students, and TAs have questioned the validity of a strike, given that arbitration has already been requested. The potential general strike, contingent upon a vote to be held on the 20th, meets with similar questioning.

Harrison regards the strike as a method of speeding up the arbitration process. For Harrison, a strike means that both the McGill administration and the Minister

of Labour are likely "to take the issue more seriously," a reaction she hopes will lead to the speedy appointment of an arbitrator and a willingness to begin negotiations as soon as possible.

"We were optimistic that [negotiation] would begin in December," she noted, "now it looks like it will be the new year."

The delay in beginning the arbitration process has Harrison worried that the McGill administration will alter the conditions for teaching assistantships next semester.

Working without a contract, the TAs have little say in their current working conditions. Beginning the process of arbitration would effectively freeze working conditions in their present state until a contract is established.

Placing the possible benefits of

a general strike against the wage loss that such a move would incur may prove to be a difficult issue for some TAs.

Strike pay is notably lower than the average working wage and could put many impoverished TAs in a precarious financial position. Some TAs question the validity of a strike given that arbitration is already underway.

In addition, some TAs feel that they are not receiving sufficient information from the union.

Harrison agrees, noting that the union is doing its best to keep in touch with its members through an e-mail list, newsletter and departmental representatives. She also asks that anyone — student, professor or teaching assistant — who has questions regarding the proposed strike contact the union at 398-2582.



### NGO HARASSED IN MEXICO

The Mexican League for the Defence of Human Rights (LIMEDDH) reports that in the early morning of 4 November 1996, the offices of Coordinacion de ONGs por la Paz (CONPAZ), which is a coordinating body consisting of 10 NGOs in San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, suffered their fourth and most serious attack in the space of two months.

According to the information, unknown persons penetrated the offices of CONPAZ and set fire to sheets, medicines, and food meant for the campesino communities of Chiapas. They destroyed computers, cut off the telephone lines, partially destroyed the ad-

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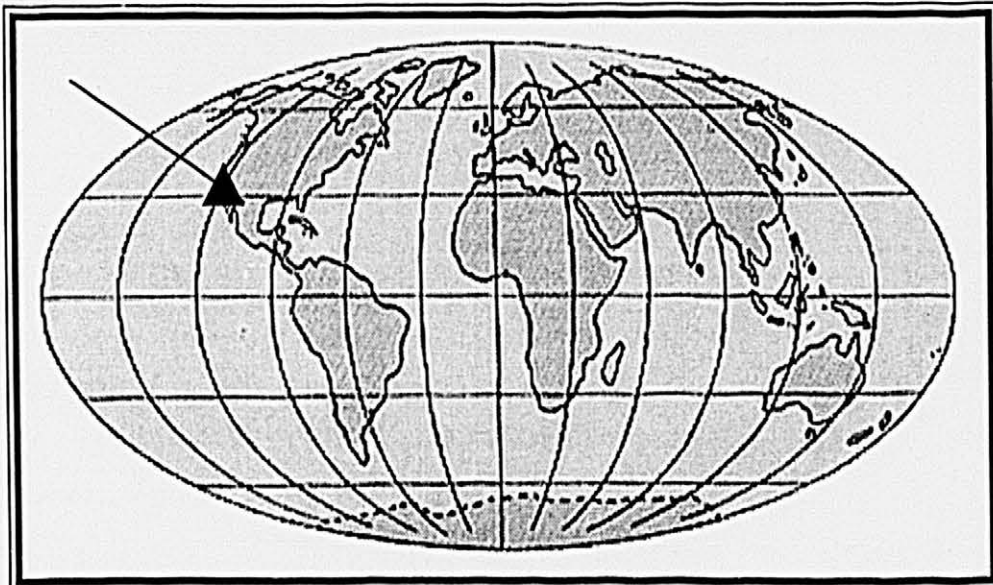
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The International Secretariat expresses its grave concern for the persistent harassment campaigns against NGOs, presumably by persons or groups linked to the forces of order, and fears for the physical and psychological integrity of members and leaders of such organisations, in particular Miguel Angel de los Santos who may be subjected to further harassment in the future.

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# Kissing butt

## STUDENT UNIONS SHOULD PUCKER-UP SAYS LEAKED DOCUMENT

by Samer Muscati

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